



## The American Legion Family

### Meetings

*Legion*  
**July 1, 2024**  
**7 pm**

*Auxiliary*  
**July 1, 2024**  
**6:30 pm**

*Sons of the American Legion*  
**September 29, 2024**  
**5 pm**

**Hall Hours:**  
**Monday - Saturday**  
**Opens at 3 pm**

### Post Officers

Commander: Bob Washburn  
1st Vice: Bob Demchak  
2nd Vice: Eric Fluet  
Adjutant: Chad Steward  
Finance: Bob Demchak  
Sgt-at-Arms: Phil Daigle  
Chaplain: Rich Robinson  
Service: Bob Demchak  
Americanism: Vacant  
  
Executive: Ted Brown  
Executive: Jimmy Pinkham  
Executive: Will Price

# Tardiff-Belanger Post #39 Newsletter

## LEGION UPDATES...*From your Commander*

Hello American Legion Family!

The good news is that the town of Madison approved the land swap for the other side of the parking lot (where the Pike trailer is currently). That means that we can move forward with our plans for the new building. We can also start working harder on fundraising, by sending letters and face to face conversations.

We will be having a “toll bridge” on July 6 from 8am until 2 pm. The towns and first responders have been made aware. This is a good fundraiser for the post and your help would be greatly appreciated.

By now most of you know that we had a structural engineering firm here in March to assess the building because of the water damage. The engineers gave an assessment of the building and what they recommended (needed) for the building to be able for us to continue to use it. At the same time, we submitted a

claim with our building insurance to see what if anything they would cover for the water damage.

The final report from the engineers said if improvements were not completed, the building could be used until November 15, 2024. However, the insurance company, when they saw the report from our engineers, said they are cancelling our policy due to long term leakage. We were initially told that our policy was being cancelled effective July 6, 2024. After several conversations with our insurance agent (the go between with us and the insurance company), and some checking on her part, and the insurance company sending out their own inspector, our cancellation was pushed back to August 6, 2024. It did not make sense financially, to invest a large amount of money to put a band aid on a building that we are planning on tearing down in a few years anyway.

This means that we will no longer be able to have functions (bingo, corn hole, cribbage, meetings, opening the bar, etc.) in the building after August 6. We are con-

sidering other local options for bingo, meetings, and other functions. We want to continue the business of the post as much as possible, even without a current building. Moving bingo will involve much more help for set up and possibly break down every week.

We will not immediately be turning off utilities. We have not even begun to discuss the actual demolition of the building. When then time gets closer, we will consider what can be salvaged from the building, either for sale or for use in the new building. However, at some point we may have to clean out the building, and some method of storage will have to be obtained. This also means that we are rethinking our new building plan because of the short time frame.

I want everyone to be fully informed instead of hearing through the grapevine. When we know more, I will tell you more.

Respectfully,

*Bob Washburn*  
*Commander*

*Founded in 1919, the American Legion Auxiliary's mission is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.*

**PLEASE REMEMBER**

We continue to collect aluminum tabs for Shriners Children's Hospital!

If anyone would like to reserve the hall, you **MUST** contact any bartender at the Legion - 696-5848 after 3:00 pm Mon - Sat. An application must be completed in order to confirm your reservation!



Greetings,  
Members!



We are making plans for Madison-Anson days on August 24. We have a sign-up sheet available. We need help with setting up the tent on Friday late afternoon/evening also. If you can help during the day, please call me at 431-1844. We will have a raffle, veterans cards to color, RADA for sale as well as bracelets and brochures to give out.

I attended the convention in Bangor June 7th - June 9th. Our Auxiliary President's Project is about Veteran Care broke into Quarterly focus' June - August Veterans Mental Health: September - November VA Homes & Hospice: December - February Homeless Veterans: March - May: Veterans Outreach/Children and Youth. Our new Legion Commander's project is Mission Working Dogs. They both want everyone to work together under the American LEGION Family. I was

able to meet a lot of awesome people who work very hard within their units. The chance to mix and mingle and make new friends was a great experience. Thank you for the chance to go. There were a lot of great speakers representing all ways we all help veterans and families in our state. The installation of all officers for the Auxiliary, SAL and the Legion was held together: very impressive.

A reminder to all we still need help in the kitchen. If you are not able to work on a Sunday, maybe donate a side dish or a dessert for Bingo. There is a sheet hung up on refrigerator just put on it the date and what you can make or call me at 431-1844. Thank you. We are here to help our Veterans-Families-Community

Our Commander, Bob Washburn, held a Legion Family meeting on Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> which was attended well. Its purpose was to dissuade false information regarding the Legion building and to make sure every member had the most current, up to date information. That information can be found on the 1<sup>st</sup> page of

this newsletter under "Legion Updates". The bottom line is we need to vacate the existing building by August 6, 2024, as the building will no longer be insured – again, please read the Commanders section of this newsletter for more concise information. What better time than **NOW TO COME TOGETHER AND SUPPORT OUR VETERANS** by helping to make this transition as easy as possible.

**MORE HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!!!** **NOW** is also the time to step up fundraising for the new building. Please keep your eye on the Post and Unit's Facebook groups (Legion: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/162377067246838> and Unit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALAUNIT39> and the monthly newsletters for the latest information of all things "Legion"! Check out the calendar located in this newsletter for upcoming fundraisers.

Please plan on attending the "**Emergency**" Membership meeting on July 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm!

Yours in service,  
not self,

Jackie Pollis  
President

The graphic is a calendar for the year 2024-2025, divided into four quadrants. The top-left quadrant (June-August) is light blue and features 'Veterans Mental Health'. The top-right quadrant (September-November) is light brown and features 'Maine Veterans Homes Hospice'. The bottom-left quadrant (December-February) is dark blue and features 'Homeless Veterans'. The bottom-right quadrant (March-May) is red and features 'Veterans Outreach Children & Youth'. In the center is a circular logo with a dog and a person, surrounded by the text '2024 2025' and 'MISSION WORKING DOGS'. To the right of the calendar is the American Legion logo and the text 'FAMILY MISSION WORKING DOGS'. At the bottom, there is a small text block: 'From boots on the ground to the last salute: Honoring our Veterans every step of the way'. At the very bottom right, there is a small disclaimer: 'Donations can be made to the ASA DEPARTMENT OF MAINE, 5 York Drive Suite B, Winslow ME 04091. Please place in the memo line of the check. President Paper 2024-2025'.

# SAL Squadron #39

Founded in 1932, Sons of The American Legion exists to honor the service and sacrifice of Legionnaires.

Greetings!



As you have seen in other areas of this newsletter, we have some decisions to make. As of August 6th the Legion Family membership needs to vacate the building due to loss of insurance coverage. This does NOT mean we stop doing what we love to do - support our veterans! This just means we need to make some adjustments.

Please continue to read the Legion's newsletter and keep an eye on the Legions Face-Book Group (listed below) for information on how you can help with the transition and any upcoming fundraisers such as a lobster bake!

As for meetings and our Wednesday night dinners....we are working on finding a new location for the interim. Feel

free to reach out to any of the SAL Officers if you have any questions!

Just as a reminder: The positions of Adjutant and Historian are still vacant. Anyone interested in stepping up should contact any SAL member or attend the next meeting.

Our next membership meeting is September 9th at 5pm (Location to yet be determined.) Looking for new members and looking for existing mem-

bers to volunteer!! Hope to see some new faces at our September meeting!


Respectfully submitted,

*Pete Graves,  
SAL Commander  
John Bryant,*




**Sick Call**

*Norman  
Cody*



**Post Everlasting**




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**Auxiliary:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALAUNIT39/>

## The Post is NON-SMOKING



# BE THE ONE

<https://www.legion.org/betheone/resources>

*Happy Birthday to all members born in July!*





# US Naval Sea Cadet Corps - NCB 39 Battalion



Greetings!

Website: [www.ncb39bn.org](http://www.ncb39bn.org)

Our Sea Cadets are in the middle of a busy training month. We had a cadet complete Air Force Summer Academy. The two officers are with cadets doing Scuba, basic and advanced, along with Coast Guard training. We will have 2 cadets completing boot camp in Texas and Massachusetts.

The officers and staff wish to thank the local communities, the entire Legion membership, cadet's families and friends for their continued support of this unit. Together, we are helping to shape the future.

Respectfully,  
The Officers and Staff  
NCB39 Battalion

The US Naval Sea Cadet Corps program is open to 11-17-year-old males and females. Unit growth is now our priority and we are actively recruiting within the Central Maine area. If you know any young male or female students that might be interested, please have them look at our FB page and/or our website.

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NCB39BN/>



**The American Legion Family**





















**Please Remember to Pay  
Your 2024 Dues!**





# American Legion Tardiff-Belanger Post 39 Events

# July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> POST CLOSED GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS	<b>2</b> 7pm - 10pm 	<b>3</b> Son's Dinner 4:30pm til gone 	<b>4</b> Cribbage 6:30pm - 9:30pm 	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 8am - 2pm 
<b>7</b> 2pm - 5pm 	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 7pm - 10pm 	<b>10</b> Son's Dinner 4:30pm til gone 	<b>11</b> Cribbage 6:30pm - 9:30pm 	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 2pm - 5pm 	<b>15</b> EXECUTIVE MEETINGS	<b>16</b> 7pm - 10pm 	<b>17</b> Son's Dinner 4:30pm til gone 	<b>18</b> Cribbage 6:30pm - 9:30pm 	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 
<b>21</b> 2pm - 5pm 	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7pm - 10pm 	<b>24</b> Son's Dinner 4:30pm til gone 	<b>25</b> Cribbage 6:30pm - 9:30pm 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 2pm - 5pm 	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7pm - 10pm 	<b>31</b> Son's Dinner 4:30pm til gone 			

July 6th - Legion Toll Bridge Fundraiser - 8am - 2pm  
 July 20th - Fundraising event - Details to follow

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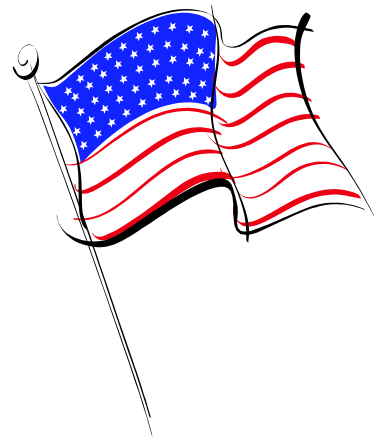
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Our Email address and website are:  
post 39@beeline-online.net

\*\*\*\*\*<http://www.mainelegionpost39.org>\*\*\*\*\*